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After acting as managing director of the venerable ship-brokerage firm of P. Wigham-Richardson (Hellas) till 1993, John assumed responsibility for the marketing of the Manley Group's activities to the Greek shipping communities of Piraeus and London. In 1997, John founded Independent Average Adjusters Ltd where he remains as Managing Director.